

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W12 3446(I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 12, 2007, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2007-08 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W11 3446 is hereby amended, and the following 2007-08 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2007-2008 Regulations for
Divide Section Wildlife Management Area
Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMIT, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 10	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks. Entire area.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 17	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH / HANDICAP DEER			Jackson Camp Peninsula Only. See YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 17	Nov. 30	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 1	Dec. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 15	Jan. 17	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	Entire area. See BAG LIMIT and JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	See BAG LIMIT and JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 22	Sep. 28	
SQUIRREL	Sep. 29	Feb. 28	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 13	Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Nov. 22	Mar. 1	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVIDE SECTION WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

Deer - one legal buck and two antlerless deer per license year.

Turkey - two legal gobblers per license year.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 105 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

YOUTH/HANDICAP DEER HUNTING: Only youth and handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Jackson Camp Peninsula (see map). Only handicap hunters on the Jackson Camp Peninsula will be allowed ATV access each day of the deer seasons and vehicular access on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons. All youth and handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Holcut Office (see below for contact information).

JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING: Only handicap hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Handicap hunters will be allowed ATV and vehicular access on those days. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt but access will be by foot traffic only. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Holcut Office (see below for contact information).

LEGAL WEAPONS: On the Youth and Handicap Area (Jackson Camp Peninsula), only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Youth may use the weapons described above on the entire area during the youth gun hunt (Nov. 11 - Nov. 17). The entire area, excluding Jackson Camp Peninsula, is archery and/or primitive weapon only during all other deer seasons. Legal weapons for small game hunting during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

HOGS: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours from Sept. 29, 2007 - Feb. 28, 2008, EXCEPT Dec. 1 - Dec. 14 and Jan. 18 - Jan. 31. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs. See 'Beaver, Coyote and Hogs' in the Basic Regulations.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are not allowed.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times horseback riding is restricted to hard surface roads. No hunting from horses.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 14, 2007.

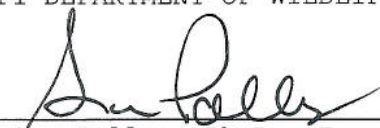
MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____


William C. Deviney, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director